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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. MORE ISRAELI WEST BANK EXPROPRIATIONS

THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ISRAELI MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON SETTLEMENTS OF ITS INTENTION TO ESTABLISH TWO NEW SETTLEMENTS ON THE WEST BANK SEEMS TO CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS OF ISRAELI EXPROPRIATION OF LAND NEAR RAMALLAH. CONSULATE JERUSALEM REPORTS THAT THE LATEST EXPROPRIATION HAS KINDLED WEST BANK APPREHENSIONS THAT THE GOI INTENDS TO PRESS AHEAD WITH SIGNIFICANT NEW SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) JERUSALEM 1203, 9/3.)

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2. JORDAN: INTERNAL POLITICAL DYNAMICS

EMBASSY AMMAN REPORTS THAT, WHILE THE BASIC POWER STRUCTURE IN JORDAN REMAINS THE SAME, KING HUSSEIN MAY HAVE TO MAKE CHANGES IN HIS APPROACH TO BREAD-AND-BUTTER ISSUES WHICH COULD PROVE DESTABILIZING IF NOT DEALT WITH DEFTLY AND SOON. IN ANALYZING THE INTERNAL POLITICAL DYNAMICS OF JORDAN THE EMBASSY SAYS:

--ECONOMIC ISSUES HAVE SUPPLANTED THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT AS A SOURCE OF PRIME CONCERN TO JORDANIANS.

--REAL POWER IN JORDAN OPERATES THROUGH A BYZANTINE NETWORK OF PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

--MOST OBSERVERS FEEL THAT PRIME MINISTER BADRAN WAS APPOINTED ONLY AS A TEMPORARY EXPEDIENT AND RIFAI WILL RETURN.

--FRUSTRATION AMONG THE RANK AND FILE MILITARY IS INCREASING OVER PROMOTION POLICIES AND INFLATIONARY PRESSURES. (CONFIDENTIAL) AMMAN 4475, 8/29.)

3. YUGOSLAVIA: "AFTER KARDELJ WHAT?"

THE SERIOUS ILLNESS OF EDVARD KARDELJ, THE "FATHER" OF SELF-MANAGEMENT AND NON-ALIGNMENT, HAS RAISED THE NEW QUESTION: "AFTER KARDELJ WHAT?" EMBASSY BELGRADE REPORTS:

--KARDELJ WAS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A FOCAL POINT FOR A POST-TITO COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP.

--WITH KARDELJ REMOVED FROM AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS, THE POWER OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DOLANC WILL INCREASE, AND HE WILL BECOME THE LEADING CANDIDATE TO REPLACE TITO.

--THE PROSPECT FOR THE MONTHS AHEAD IS FOR A CHALLENGE TO DOLANC'S POSITION, BUT NO INDIVIDUAL STANDS OUT AS HIS MAIN RIVAL. (CONFIDENTIAL) BELGRADE 5679, 9/3.)

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4. FRG ELECTIONS: CHANGES, IF ANY, STYLISTIC NOT SUBSTANTIVE

ONE MONTH BEFORE THE BUNDESTAG ELECTION, EMBASSY BONN REPORTS THAT THE RESULT IS STILL TOO CLOSE TO CALL. THE CAMPAIGN THUS FAR HAS PRODUCED MORE HEAT THAN LIGHT, ALTHOUGH THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A SCHMIDT-KOHL DEBATE. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT DESPITE CAMPAIGN RHETORIC THE

ELECTION DOES NOT REPRESENT AN HISTORIC TURNING POINT; THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A KOHL AND A SCHMIDT GOVERNMENT IS MORE LIKELY TO BE ONE OF THE STYLE AND EMPHASIS THAN SUBSTANCE. IF THE CDU/CSU COALITION WINS ON OCTOBER 3, THE EMBASSY PREDICTS:

--THERE WOULD BE NO MAJOR CHANGE IN RELATIONS WITH THE US AND WESTERN EUROPE.

--THE EASTERN COUNTRIES MIGHT BE PRESSED FOR MORE CONCESSIONS; IF THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE IS CONGENIAL,

HOWEVER, OBJECTIVE REALITIES WILL KEEP OSTPOLITIK ON TRACK.

--GERMAN ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SUCH AS THE EXPORT OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, WILL BE PROTECTED.

--TOUGHER LAWS ON TERRORISM AND MORE CONSERVATIVE FISCAL AND ECONOMIC MEASURES MAY BE ENACTED. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 14579 AND 14675, 9/1 AND 9/2.)

5. VIETNAM: AN AUSTRALIAN ASSESSMENT

AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR DAVID WILSON, RETURNING FROM HANOI, SPOKE WITH EMBASSY BANGKOK ABOUT VIETNAM. HIS POINTS ABOUT SRV FOREIGN POLICY:

--HANOI WANTS RELATIONS WITH THE US BUT UNDERSTANDS US SENSITIVITIES.

--EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH EUROPE ARE NOT JUST TO ENCOURAGE THE US TO FALL IN LINE, BUT BECAUSE CONFIDENTIAL

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THEY ARE IMPORTANT TO HANOI IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.

--RELATIONS WITH THE PRC ARE NOT AS BAD AS THEY SEEM.

--THE SRV LEADERSHIP IS NOW RECONCILED TO WORKING WITH THE CAMBODIANS IN A PERMANENTLY UNEASY RELATIONSHIP.

EMBASSY COMMENT: DESPITE CONSIDERABLE TALK THAT VIETNAM WILL BE ASIA'S YUGOSLAVIA, IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT IT WILL BE ASIA'S ROMANIA: WORKING WITHIN THE SYSTEM, WITH A STATE-DIRECTED ECONOMY. (CONFIDENTIAL) BANGKOK 24710, 9/2.)

6. MOZAMBIQUE: ACTIONS PIVOTAL IN RHODESIA?

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY MAPUTO, THE RADICAL ANTI-WESTERN

FOREIGN POLICY OF MOZAMBIQUE REMAINS TARGETED ON RHODESIA.
MACHEL HAS NOT WAVERED FROM HIS BELIEF THAT RHODESIAN
MAJORITY RULE CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH ARMED FORCE.
ACCORDINGLY, HE IS ATTEMPTING TO CREATE A FRELIMO-TYPE
ORGANIZATION AMONG THE ZIMBABWEANS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: AMONG THE FRONT-LINE PRESIDENTS, MACHEL
WILL HAVE THE GREATEST INFLUENCE ON EVENTS IN RHODESIA AS
HE WILL DECIDE IF CUBANS OR VOLUNTEERS FROM OTHER "PRO-
GRESSIVE" STATES WILL BE ASKED TO PLAY A ROLE IN THE ZIM-
BABWEAN STRUGGLE. (CONFIDENTIAL) MAPUTO 978, 9/3.) ROBINSON

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